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WITHIN THE WEEK

There is a story of an old and indigent darky, wandering aimlessly thru the countryside, who, for want of better lodgings, tarried one night in a farmer's haystack. With the dawn's early light, the agriculturist, observing movement in the stack, approached, brandishing his pitchfork and crying lustily, "I've got you! I've got you!" Whereupon, the old Negro stuck his head out, looked wearily about him and observed, "Yassah, yassah. An' a great git you's got!"

The story comes to mind in connection with Russia's consolidation of territory in Eastern and Central Europe. We can scarcely call this a conquest. Russian troops have occupied these areas since war's end. There is little left, either of resistance or of resources. Russia now controls the agricultural half of Germany; scarcely half of industrial Austria. Hungary is barely self-sustaining. And scarcely as much can be said of Romania, Bulgaria and Albania. Yugoslavia is on the verge of starvation. Tito's tough dictatorship has first call on anything of worth that may be unearthed. All in all, it must be admitted that Russia hasn't gained much in an immediate material sense by bringing them under her ideological banner.

But it must be realized that the Russian motives are not wholly material. A condition we Americans find difficult in understanding is that true converts to Com-

munism may be imbued with an evangelical zeal that matches our ardor for democratic principles.

All over Europe today, the Russians and their supporters are peddling a dream. And peoples on every hand are reaching out to grasp this bright tinselled thing. It is the only hope they have. It is important to realize that there are in these lands no strong middle classes to afford resistance to an invading philosophy. No one has any hinge left. When you are out in the rain and all wet anyway, you might as well chase a rainbow, if one brightens your drab horizon.

One of the irresistible appeals of Communism to a downtrodden folk is that it has All The Answers. When you are selling a bill of goods for future delivery, you can promise anything. Perhaps democracy may have more of substance to offer, but unenlightened peoples who have never experienced true democracy, find our sales jargon difficult to comprehend. Moreover, we have no practical, workable plan to present. Our efforts have been pretty well concentrated on trying to halt the salesman with the gaudy red prospectus. And you can't get too far simply by being *against* a given philosophy. You must combat it with something equally tangible, and even more appealing. Hungry Europeans may munch our bread—but that is not to say that they will lay down their dream.



SHIFTING SANDS

The plastics industry is frankly worried by the number of "shyster and shoe-string" operators who are producing shoddy wares, giving all plastics a bad name... Price of next winter's breakfasts is now being determined, and it isn't bright picture for the consumer. With corn prices going up and crop prospects not too rosy, outlook is for higher-priced bacon and sausage. Eggs, too, will be higher since baby chick sales are sluggish, meaning fewer laying pullets in late fall... Organizations with large sales forces are concerned over growing tendency of salesmen to unionize. As *Public Relations News* puts it, "Once salesmen become unionized, individual initiative disappears from selling..." As anticipated, lifting of ban has caused temporary run on sugar stores. With approach of cannning season demand will continue heavy. If maritime strike is prolonged, scarcity may develop, despite fact that there is adequate potential world supply.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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Gen'l DOUGLAS A MACARTHUR: "Christianity is confronted with its greatest opportunity in Japan since the birth of Christ." 1-Q

Dr JAS B CONANT, pres, Harvard Univ, discussing federal aid to schools: "There is certainly as much reason for New Yorkers to contribute to the education of a Kentuckian who will spend his adult life in Manhattan as to that of a Brooklynite who will one day make his home in Calif." 2-Q

DUKE OF WINDSOR: "The thing that impresses me most about America is the way the parents obey their children." 3-Q

WM GREEN, pres, AFoF: "Wage-earners stand to benefit greatly from an expanded world trade. We all need to understand its prime principle... what happens to world trade will show up, one way or the other, in millions of pay envelopes." 4-Q

CLARE BOOTH LUCE: "During my yrs in Washington, I became keenly aware of the fact that the people who have authority have no time to think, and the people who have time to think have no authority." 5-Q

MAUREEN O'HARA, film actress: "It's exceptional, freakish, for a girl not to want marriage and children." 6-Q

Dr GEO W CALVER, official physician to both houses of Congress, describing Senators generally as "above average physically": "They have to be or they could not survive in the political game and get into the Senate." 7-Q

LEONARD W MAYO, dean of school of applied social sciences, Western Reserve Univ, urging more att'n be paid to "good parents," less to "delinquent parents": "It's time we heard more about parents who do their job yr in and yr out. The family has been a very hardy perennial of tough fiber and has withstood many economic and social crises." 8-Q

uct is mean trick on fish: "To them, it must be like biting into a wax apple." 15-Q

Dr HENRY M WRISTON, pres of Brown Univ, Providence, R I: "In the name of education, education is being destroyed. Training is taking the place of education. For every liberal arts college started recently, there are 20 vocational training schools." 16-Q

Dr PAUL R HAWLEY, medical director for Veterans Administration: "Had organized medicine devoted half as much energy toward kicking out the rascals as it has to protecting them, there would be no more danger of gov't control than there now is of gov't control of the clergy." 17-Q

Marine Brig-Gen'l MERRITT A EDSON, Burlington, Vt, ret'g to civilian life chiefly because of "assumption of power" by military in Washington: "When we have reached the point where the military are directing instead of supporting U S policy, we are far along the road to losing what this country has stood for." 18-Q

Rev ALFRED LOARING-CLARK, St John's Episcopal Church, Memphis, Tenn: "The world can be saved only by men and women who know what constitutes the Christian faith and are willing to stand unmoved for their convictions." 19-Q

BERNADINE de TUACHE, owner of Tuache Perfume Co, N Y, on creation of new scents: "It's rather like composing music without being at a piano." 20-Q

WM BENTON, Ass't Sec'y of State, in letter to KENT COOPER, Associated Press head, urging the sending of more U S news abroad: "The U S is today grossly, shockingly and dangerously misunderstood by the people of many important countries." 21-Q

Rev KYLE HASELDEN, Trinity Baptist church, Minneapolis, Minn, opposing proposed legislation to



end church tax exemption: "The founding fathers, in guaranteeing freedom of religion in the constitution, surrendered the right of the state to pass laws compelling the church to pay taxes." 22-Q

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JOHN NICHOLAS BROWN, Ass't Sec'y of the Navy for Air: "America must lead the world; furthermore, she must lead it toward peace and progress and away from war and destruction." 23-Q

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CLINTON P ANDERSON, Sec'y of Agriculture, urging mfrs and distributors of plant food to "dig in for long fight against shortage and world hunger": "The world cannot yet see the end of the food emergency." 24-Q

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B E DUNHAM, resident of flood-devastated Ottumwa, Ia, on latest flood threat: "We'll try to save what we can this time, but it doesn't make much difference any more. Folks here will not be out of debt for 20 yrs because of this tragedy." 25-Q

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DR JOHN A MACKAY, pres of Princeton Theological Seminary: "Because he insists upon being a rebellious child of God, man finds himself believing in nothing and this is leading to human anarchy and human emptiness." 26-Q

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WM H KUMMANN, Glen Rock, N J, '47 Pulitzer Prize Scholarship (Art) winner: "I think every painting should have a notation on its back by the artist telling how he wants it displayed. If painted under sunlight, it should be shown under natural light... If you paint in a closet, the finished work should be displayed in a closet." 27-Q

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HOWARD C PETERSEN, Ass't Sec'y of War, reporting (after a trip to Germany) that Communism has

made no progress despite "a constant propaganda effort by the Russian-controlled German press": "But we cannot hope that this success will be cont'd unless the present food situation is greatly improved." 28-Q

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CLEMENT ATTLEE, British Prime Minister: "The UN is literally not merely a matter of life and death for one individual. It is a matter of life and death for civilization." 29-Q

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Circuit Judge EDW M RUDY, St Louis, urging 30-day waiting period before marriage instead of 3-days as under present law: "The trouble today is that some men get married on the same basis as they purchase a motor car. They want to trade them in on a new model each yr." 30-Q

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Mme ZOLTAN TILDI, wife of Pres of Hungary, after 5-wk U S visit: "I found in America what the whole world wants today—equality of man and freedom of man. I found that for which there is even greater need—goodwill in the individual generally." 31-Q

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CHAS LUCKMAN, pres of Lever Bros, writing in *Harper's*: "I just can't help feeling that the man who makes a product is just as important as the jingle that sells it." 32-Q

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Dr AARON NOVICK, mbr of staff of Argonne Nat'l Laboratory, and vice-chairman of Atomic Scientists of Chicago: "Little can be gained in another war except perhaps a moral victory. It would be an expensive victory because we can anticipate at least 40 million casualties in our country." 33-Q

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ALTA BROWN, resigning after 42 yrs as teacher of 1st grade, Garden City, Kans: "When the grandchildren of my former pupils be-

gan showing up in classes this yr, I thought it was about time to quit." 34-Q

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Rev HAMILTON SCOTT, a waiter in a N Y restaurant: "There's no reason why a man can't serve roast beef and God at the same time." 35-Q

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BERNARD M BARUCH, speaking at unveiling of a bronze bust of himself in Nat'l War College: "We look forward with hope to a world ruled by the force of law and not by the law of force... We oppose dictatorship of the right or left. We oppose slavery whether imposed by the state or individual." 36-Q

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Rabbi STEPHEN S WISE, pres of American Jewish Congress, testifying before Senate Labor Subcommittee: "Discrimination against Negroes is strikingly obvious in every State in the Union. Discrimination against Jews, if less apparent, is no less real." 37-Q

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Rep HERBERT A MEYER, of Kans: "When will the Att'y Gen'l of the U S do his duty and indict this renegade (Henry Wallace) who has disgraced his citizenship and ret'n him to the oblivion from whence he came so that he can no longer function as the evil tool of those who would destroy America?" 38-Q

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Dr ABNER I WEISMAN, N Y: "Mbrs of the medical profession are actually selling babies 'under the counter.' In Brooklyn 4 mo's ago an infant girl brought \$1,500 on the black mkt and a baby boy \$1,700. Today, prices are around \$2,500." 39-Q

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British Atomic Energy Committee, urging Big Three meeting to end atom race: "The minimum basis of mutual confidence necessary for adoption and working of an effective control scheme... is rapidly disappearing." 40-Q

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MINING THE MAGAZINES

For Home Consumption — PAUL GALLICO, Esquire, 7-47.

(Because the author has long been counted an outstanding "liberal" the article which we here excerpt is causing wide comment.)

Dig out the old mess kits and tin hats, boys. The "He's-Talking-Only-for-Home-Consumption" guys are at it once more; only me, I don't fall for it any more.

I remember Hitler's talk back in '38, at the beginning of the Sudden Crisis. I was listening in London. When he had finished, I was in a sweat. Not my English pals. "Obviously for home consumption," they observed. "Nothing to worry about, really."

But not again, boys. I can't buy any more. From now on when *Pravda* or *Izvestia* takes a poke at us; when some obscure Professorovich does an article in a Rooshan magazinski about the necessity of destroying Western Democracy and Capitalism; when "spokesmen" in satellite countries fulminate against American Imperialism, for me that "home consumption" stuff is out. I believe them. They mean business.

Home consumption my retina! The Russkis declared war on us a quarter of a century ago, and last March brother Truman declared right back at them. Face it. We're in it. Whether we can keep it from reaching the shooting stage depends in part on our becoming realists and keeping those drips and wet smacks, the double-talking, ostrich-minded "don't-look-now - but - that - blackjack-that-fellow - is - swinging - is - only-for-home consumption" boys away from our nice dry powder. They got it damp once before.

ACHIEVEMENT—1

In order to make his dreams come true a man has to be wide awake.—Adv., *Swift & Co, Chicago*.

ALERTNESS—2

Keeping on your toes will keep you from getting down at the heels. — *Threads*, hm, Geometric Tool Co, New Haven, Conn.

ARGUMENT—3

The best way to smother an argument to death is to keep your mouth shut.—O A BATTISTA, *Everybody's Wkly.*

ATOMIC AGE—4

If you want some idea of the enormous energy that's released when an atom nucleus is smashed, simply realize that if a piano wire were held together with the same force that binds the particles of the nucleus together, the wire would be able to support the weight of the entire prewar U S navy suspended at the end of the wire. — GORDON GAMMACK, *Des Moines Register*.

BEHAVIOR—5

Among the sights that fill the soul of man with awe and wonder is that of his wife cleaning the house so she won't be embarrassed when the cleaning woman comes. —BILL VAUGHAN, *Kansas City Star*.

COMPLACENCY—6

"Oh, to be sure, our country is well-heated, well fed, and the most self-sufficient in the world. We bring up, in comfortable colleges, comfortable children who, after a comfortable marriage, will build a comfortable home where they will await the moment for going, in a comfortable coffin, to a comfortable grave. But is this the way to save the world?"—ANDRE MAUROIS, quoting an Episcopalian minister, "A Journal From Missouri," *Town & Country*, 5-47.

CONVERSATION—7

The secret of success in conversation is to be able to disagree without being disagreeable.—*Universe*.

CREDIT—8

A man had barely paid off his house when he put another mortgage against it in order to buy a car. Having a car, he went to a loan broker to try to get a mortgage to build a garage. "But if

I make you the loan," asked the broker, "how will you buy gas for the car?"

"It seems to me," repl'd the man with dignity, "that if I own a house, car and garage, I should be able to get credit for gas."—ORVILLE E REED, *Imp.*

They DO Say . . .

Contemporary comment on conditions in not-so-merry England: Current *Look* features depressing photographic record, "England is Dying . . ." with text by NAT FINNEY . . . Noting that "Hitler didn't always hit the right ones!" London's Diocesan Reorganization Committee plans to pull down 80-odd "redundant" churches . . . Parish council of Roydon, Essex offers 5 lbs reward for information leading to identification of person or persons involved in theft of village stocks and whipping-post. These treasured relics decorated the green for hundreds of yrs. During last cold snap they disappeared. "Chopped up for firewood" is gen'l verdict. But an imaginative contingent holds they were shipped to America "where such old things fetch a fancy price" . . . Sentence has been passed on 5 Devon boys, prime movers in a "pirate gang": they must absent themselves from cinema houses for 3 yrs, as penance for smashing windows. Sentence was inspired by a mother who blamed it all on "Saturday morning pictures."

DEMOCRACY—9

A letter writer in a local gazette relayed a nifty definition of democracy: "Unity without uniformity."—WALTER WINCHELL.

DRINK—Drinking—10

Lots of chronic drunks got that way from hitchin' their wagon to a bar.—*Howe Fulcrum*, hm, Howe Scale Co.

FAITH—11

The minimum faith of citizens in a democracy is to believe that justice is essential to peace, that law is essential to justice, that institutions of world gov't are essential to world law, that world gov't ought to be federal in form and enforceable on individual law-breakers like any other law, and that world

gov't should derive its powers from the sovereign people so there may be joint gov't in world affairs and self gov't in nat'l affairs.—MARSHALL WINGFIELD, pres of Memphis Council of Churches.

FINANCE—12

To retire on an annual income from investment that will buy as much as \$3,000 did in '29, a young man today needs to earn more than \$13,000 a yr for 25 yrs. —JAS. H. McGRAW, in McGraw-Hill publications.

HABIT—13

Habit is like a soft bed—easy to get into but hard to get out of.—*Sunshine Magazine*.

HOME—Influence—14

The home is basic in the life of our civilization. It has the child first and in the most impressionable age. Many of the fundamental attitudes and reactions of a child are determined before he is 6 yrs of age, during which time the home is the most influential group touching his life. If the home fails to develop constructive basic attitudes and reactions, no other agencies or organizations can completely make up for this failure.—M E SADLER, *Christian Advocate*.

HUMAN RELATIONS—15

There is now a recognition of the human rights of people of all classes, nations, and races; yet at the same time we have sunk to perhaps unheard-of depths of class warfare, nationalism, and racism. These bad passions find vent in cold-blooded, scientifically planned cruelties and the two incompatible states of mind and standards of conduct are to be seen today, side by side, not merely in the same world, but sometimes in the same country and even in the same soul.—ARNOLD J TOYNBEE, "Civilization on Trial," *Atlantic Monthly*, 6-'47.

KNOWLEDGE—16

The more a man learns about his profession the more he studies it.—*Fraternal Monitor*.

LANGUAGE—17

A ret'd traveler reports UN already has affected the N Y vernacular. He overheard a subway guard yell in mixed New Yorkese and French at a rush hr crowd:

"Lookit where yah goin', si vous play!"—HARLAN MILLER, *Des Moines Register*.

LIFE—18

So live your life that your autograph will be wanted, not your fingerprints.—*Liberty*.

PERSONALITY—19

Dr Earl D Bond, Univ of Pa prof of psychiatry, estimates that one out of every 140 Americans is perfect; i.e., they have no anxiety, no fears, no prejudices, no attractive vices, no weaknesses. But you probably won't envy them. "They are all perfect, well rounded and equal," says Dr Bond, "like a string of zeros."—*Science Service*.

PITY—20

It is said that in the area of the ancient Jewish Temple, now the Moslem Harem of Jerusalem, the Gate of Pity, overlooking the Garden of Gethsemane, has been closed for centuries, and will not be opened until man has again recovered the sense of pity. May it be in this generation.—Prof NORMAN BENTWICH, *Hibbert Jnl*.

PRECISION—21

An Eastern watch mfr who is extremely proud of his shop's workmanship recently sent a small box to a Swiss competitor, and in the box was an almost invisible wire. He wrote that this wire was the finest ever drawn by a watchmaker. The little box soon came back, but there was no ret'n letter. However, there was a jeweler's lens in the box, and the mfr examined the wire with the lens. He soon found the answer to his boast—a neat hole had been drilled thru the wire.—*This Wk*.

RACE—Chinese—22

A Chinese schoolgirl and a classmate sat behind me in a bus. The classmate remarked that the other girl did not look like a Chinese. She repl'd, "I'm not responsible for my parents; I was not consulted before I was born; but I am proud that I belong to a great race of people." The conversation emphasized the fundamental truth that it is not important who your ancestors were, but it is important who you are. Brains, wisdom, and knowledge have no race, creed or color.—PHIL CONLEY, *Cincinnati Enquirer*.



Perhaps Cortland, Ohio may have the answer. This little Trumbull county community of about 1200 population has developed a program of church and community relations that is attracting merited att'n on a nat'l scale.

Going back a decade, there was a time when Cortland could boast four churches. Two became war casualties. And the surviving pr could scarcely be described as flourishing. Then came the end of conflict, the beginning of a new era. The Cortland ministers got together and faced facts. To each other they admitted the bitter truth. Their churches were no longer a real factor in the life of the community. Congregations were dwindling. Financial support was at an all-time low. Oldsters were dying off. The younger generation just wasn't interested.

With rare wisdom these men of God decided that co-operation should mark their course. They were resolved to tie their institutions into the community; to make the church mean something in the everyday lives of the people. They began by arranging community sings. They planned group meetings for men; others especially slanted for young people. They saw to it that the church played a part in every social and civic project. And the community responded. Almost at once the businessmen got together, provided a big conference room and private offices for the two pastors. Here they may be found, ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in the community.

A recent development which the pastors inspired is the Community Council with rep's of all religious, educational and civic organizations. This group functions as the "public relations" body for Cortland.



AGRICULTURE — Horticulture: Pea and tomato trees are now a reality in Russia. Scientist has successfully crossed these vegetables with woody plants 5 or 6 ft high. Farmer picks tomatoes and peas at comfortable standing position. (*Internal'l Digest*)

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FOOD—Preservation: A new electronic method to use in sterilizing and preserving foods has been developed by Electronized Chemicals Corp'n. All that is necessary to purify a food is to expose it to the electronic discharge which eliminates all bacteria. (*Financial World*)

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MEDICINE: First, 2nd, 3rd degree and x-ray burns can be healed quickly, and in most cases without any scars, by recently developed sulphur compound called Hydrosulphosol. Product relieves pain almost instantly by forming airtight film over burn. (*Steel*)

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PROCESSING: Aluminum for utensils is now being processed for color. Pink aluminum knitting needles already are on mkt. (*Everybody's Wkly*)

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RADIO—Education: Latest wrinkle in radio is to teach tennis with a portable transmitter. It's being tried out at Univ of Miami, permission of FCC. Students wear small receivers on their backs, and diminutive earphones. (*Tide*)

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TEXTILES: Newest thing in fabrics is Kuron, an elastic mat'l that does not depend upon elastic yarn or rubber thread for elasticity. Said to be long-wearing and able to keep its elasticity after many washings. It can be produced in wide range of colors, weights and designs; can be made of rayon and wool, rayon and cotton, 2 different rayons, 2 different cottons or of one fabric only. (*U S Rubber Co*)

RACE—Relations—23

If we would solve the Negro problem, 1st we must make sure that we really want to solve it, not merely ease the tensions which are its outer manifestations. It is our problem and not the Negro's.—BUCKLIN MOON, *The High Cost of Prejudice*. (Messner)

SAFETY—24

A jaywalker is someone as old as he looks—up and down the st.—GABRIEL HEATTER, radio commentator.

SALESMANSHIP—25

When Frank Davis was actuary of American Nat'l Life in Galveston, one of his friends was an underwriter with a nat'l reputation as a supersalesman. A visiting friend expressed a desire to meet the underwriter: "I'd like to have a good talk with a man like that. Can you arrange a luncheon date?" After the luncheon, Frank asked his friend how the interview went. "Really, I was quite disappointed. He is a mighty nice fellow, but I can't see that he has very much on the ball."

"Did you, by any chance, buy any insurance from him?"

"Well, as a matter of fact I did. But it just happened that I really needed it anyway, so I bought it from him!"—*Insurance Salesman*.

SELF-IMPORTANCE—26

If you ever get to thinking that you are indispensable, just remember what happened to the horse when the tractor came along.—GLENN E BUNNELL, *Cedar County (Neb) News*.

SEXES—27

Man may have more courage than woman, but he doesn't get half the chance to show his backbone.—*Burlington (Wis) Standard Democrat*.

SPEECH—Speaking—28

Words, like clothes, should be washed clean before they are hung out to dry.—MARCELENE COX, *Ladies' Home Jnl*.

STRATEGY—29

Virginia Randolph, noted 73-y.-old Negro educator, arrived one morning at school to be greeted by the buzzing of her pupils telling of the arrival of a certain mother

who had a reputation for whipping all the teachers—and all the teachers before her had been men.

"She was standing on the porch with a stick in her hand shouting, 'I want to see you.'

"So," relates Virginia Randolph, "I asked her if she wouldn't wait until after we had our devotional. Then I went into a sermon on do unto others... I made a talk telling the children she was the 1st mother to visit the school and how delighted we were to have her and I asked her if she wouldn't make a speech. Tears came into her eyes and she said she came for one thing, but found another. From then on she was one of my best friends and remained so until she died."—SEMMES McCORMICK, *Richmond Times-Dispatch*.

And Dry?

Society note, *Boulder (Colo) Daily Mirror*: "Mrs of the Thurs Club met at the home of Mrs Frank Spencer for luncheon and contract. Guests were Mrs I D Linder, Mrs A Parkhurst and Mrs Neil Wilkinson. Mrs Wilkinson was high." 30

TACT—31

Writers with tact have less to retract.—DON IDDON, *London Daily Mail*.

TENACITY—32

Seeing thru a thing is useless without the ability to see it thru.—*American Lumberman & Bldg Products Merchandiser*.

TIME—33

Time wasted is existence; used it's life.—*Specialty Salesman*.

VACATION—Statistics—34

A survey of 180,000 persons from every state by N Y state dep't of commerce reveals average vacationist spent 19.4% of total vacation days visiting friends and relatives; 17.6% at a summer cottage; 16.6% at a hotel; 16.2% touring; 11.7% at home; 7.7% at a tourist cabin; 6.4% at a boarding house and 4.4% in a tent.—*Milwaukee Jnl*.

WAR—Peace—35

Too many countries seem to be seeking a fight to the finish rather than a finish to a fight. — FRED WARING, famed orchestra leader.

"Tomorrow you are getting married"

The Purple Testament (Doubleday, \$2.50) takes title from two brief lines in Shakespeare's King Richard II: "He is come to open the purple testament of bleeding war." The 53 men and women who wrote the book are disabled vets of World War II. The pieces were written in an English class taught by DON M WOLFE, as part of a course to train them to be counselors to disabled vets like themselves. Each was encouraged to write what he wanted to write. Mr Wolfe edited the vol, which was 1st printed privately. Neither, he nor the publisher is taking a profit. All money above actual production cost is distributed equally amongst the writers. The selection here excerpted is by MILTON K WILLIAMS, North Platte, Neb, who lost a leg in combat. His ambition, he says, is to become governor of his native state.

Dear Helen:

I am alone tonight. I say alone, yet the faces of many are around me. Here it is warm...I can hear the whispering rush of the March wind begging for a comfortable place to stay the night. Darkness has already arrived. So when I said alone, I wrote only in a physical sense.

Thoughts — a lifetime lived, died, and relived in these few hrs of solitude. I remember the 1st time I saw you. How I must have stared! You see, Helen, I loved you even then.

It is difficult for a man to write his love—sometimes more difficult to speak. I'm not a poet, nor anything special. In fact, I am even less of a man. I only have a heart, brain, and a body—a body with just one leg. That bothered me the most. I wondered if you smiled sympathetically because I had a cane, or whether you sympathized because my complexion was the color of a well-laundered sheet. I realize how I must have appeared. Lonely eyes, unimpressive face. Helen, I was sick. Sick of people, sick of noises, sick of the smell of ether, sick until my soul begged for release from hell. Suddenly, I got my freedom. I was fully pardoned from the moment Mrs Bookman introduced us. I only remembered her saying your first name. Helen, I felt new strength flowing into my body. I learned a new emotion.

I crept into your life like a puppy snuggling into the warmth of his bed-box back of the old cook stove. I became dependent on you. No day in the mo's that followed seemed complete without your voice and your smile. How I remember our first picnic—the rough street car ride to Swope Park. We ate so many peanuts

that we weren't hungry for the lunch you had so carefully prepared. I remember how you waited on me, knowing that each step that I saved helped me. How you pretended all the time, as if you were supposed to take those steps. I remember the fun we had when we rode the roller coasters at Fairyland. I remember how soaked we were when the whole sky poured down its liquid blessings — your hair became a mass of ringlets.

Because of you I stopped using my cane. I became confident. I found a job. Not just a common job—but a special job—a job that kept me on my feet. How I hated it! Later I began to realize how much I liked my job. I remember how many times I stumbled, and sometimes fell; I saw pain cross your face as quickly as if it had ached in your own body.

All this I remember—more vividly tonight than ever before. Tomorrow you are getting married. Married, to a man I know only slightly. Will he be kind to you? Will he do for you all the good things I want to do for you? No, my dear Helen, it isn't jealousy. I only want you to have the best things that life has to offer. I am concerned for you alone.

But enough. This will be my only letter to you of memories. I pray for you tonight, dear Helen. By now you are asleep. I shall post this letter at the station tonight, special delivery. The postman will deliver it early tomorrow. Perhaps you may want to change your mind. If you don't—then, my beloved, I'll walk down the aisle with you tomorrow afternoon at two, and be grateful to be able to say, "I do."

Just Your
Bill

GEMS FROM

Hesteryear

Thoughts on the
Declaration of Independence

Accustomed as we are to immediate public reaction to important news, it seems strange to find that, hampered by slow communication, it was a matter of mo's before British sentiments on the signing of the American Declaration of Independence appeared in print. In the Aug 1776, issue of The Gentleman's Magazine (London) was printed, without comment, the text of the Declaration. A mo later, in the Sept' issue, appeared "An Englishman's" fiery commentary, from which we have taken an excerpt.

The declaration is without doubt of the most extraordinary nature both with regard to sentiment and language, and considering that the motive of it is to assign some justifiable reasons of their separating themselves from Great Britain it reflects no honour upon either their erudition or honesty.

We hold (they say) these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal... Every ploughman knows that they are not created equal. All men, it is true, are equally created, but it certainly is no reason why the Americans should turn rebels...

The next of their self-evident truths is, that all men are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights... The word unalienable signifies that which cannot be transferred so as to become another's; so their unalienable right is a right which they cannot transfer to a broomstick or a cabbage stalk; therefore they think it absolutely necessary that they should rebel, and out of a decent respect to the opinions of mankind, allege this as one of the causes which impel them to separate themselves from those to whom they owe obedience.

At Dusseldorf a local soccer team beat the team of the British Army. Flushed by the unexpected victory, a German prof taunted a young Tommy: "Do you realize it?" he exclaimed. "We've beaten you at your nat'l game!" The little cockney looked up with the greatest calm. "That may be," he ans'd. "But we've beaten you at yours!" —*Mondc.* (Univ of Paris)

A panhandler stepped up to Henry Youngman and asked for 20¢ for a cup of coffee. "But coffee is only 10¢," objected Henry. "I know," was the polite retort, "but won't you join me?" —*Hy Gardner, Parade.*

Two buzzards were lazily soaring over the desert when a jet-propelled plane zipped by them, its exhausts throwing flame and smoke. As it whizzed out of sight, one of the buzzards remarked: "That bird was really in a hurry." "You'd be in a hurry too," said the other, "if your tail was on fire!" —*Fifth Wheel*, hm, Ind Motor Truck Ass'n.



The only thing left in the world that can be shocked is grain. —*Judge.*

Lipstick and fly paper have one thing in common. They catch the careless creatures that pause to investigate. —*Alexander Animator.*

He who looketh upon a woman, loseth a fender. —*Western Bldg.*

Girls worry about their hats and their shoes. Between the two there's enough to worry anybody. —*Railway Employees' Jnl.*

GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

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D A Doran brought East the story of the month: An Indian fire-writer was transmitting a message to his tribe in New Mexico when a terrific explosion sent him flying into a ditch 20 yds away. It was the atomic bomb experiment. The Indian pulled himself together in time to see a tower of smoke billow out into the sky. He watched in awe-stricken silence for a moment, then clucked his tongue and murmured, "I wish I had said that!" —*Sat Review of Literature.*

Mr Dodd shook his head wonderingly. "Just look at this suit I'm wearing," he observed. "The wool was grown in Australia, the cloth was woven in New England, and the thread comes from India. The suit was made in Baltimore and I bought it in Buenos Aires."

"What's so remarkable about that?" asked his friend.

"Isn't it wonderful," mused Dodd, "that so many people can make a living out of something I haven't paid for?" —*Townsend Nat'l Wkly.*

One of the candidates in an Ala campaign for Senator was a very large man. His opponent on this occasion was noticeably small. The big fellow spoke first. He towered over his diminutive opponent. He expanded his broad chest and emphasized how important it was that the people of Ala should be represented in the Senate by a big man. Thus he focused the people's att'n on the difference in size of the two candidates. Feeling that he had scored, he sat down amidst considerable applause.

The little man arose and, in a small piping voice, said, "My opponent has made capital of his

size; but if you'd let the booze and hot air out, a pair of my pants would bag on him!" —*Josh Lee, How to Hold an Audience Without a Rope.* (Ziff-Davis)

Our town, like every other, has its Craig's Wife, the indefatigable housekeeper. The other evening guests came for dinner.

"Where did Dave go?" asked Mr Craig.

"He got something in his eye," explained another guest, "he's upstairs in the bathroom trying to get it out."

"Gosh," said Mr Craig worriedly, "if he gets it out and lets it drop on the floor, there's going to be the devil to pay!" —*JACK GOODMAN & FRED SCHWED, Jr., Cosmopolitan.*

Two cockroaches lunched in a dirty old sewer and excitedly discussed the spotless glistening new restaurant in the neighborhood from which they had been barred.

"I hear," said one, "that the refrigerators shine like polished silver. The floors sparkle like diamonds. It's so clean..."

"Please," said the 2nd cockroach in disgust, nibbling at a moldy roll, "not while I'm eating!" —*Army & Navy Jnl.*

A native of India, in the U S for the UN Conference, was proud of his collection of turbans. He had 6 or 7 which he wore according to his moods. His favorite was a pink turban which was about 3 ft long when unfurled. One day he sent it to a laundry, hoping they would take good care of his prize possession.

They did. It came back a few days later, beautifully laundered and starched. With it was a bill, which proved a great blow to the owner's pride. The bill read: "One curtain, 60¢." —*DAN BENNETT, Coronet.*

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